

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the title of the invention, please delete "METHOD OF TRANSFERRING DATA THROUGH BUS AND BUS MASTER CONTROL DEVICE" and insert therefor --APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PARTIALLY TRANSFERRING DATA THROUGH BUS AND BUS MASTER CONTROL DEVICE--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 1, 6 and 9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of transferring data through a bus, comprising the steps of:
- occupying the bus by a first device serving as a bus master;
  - transferring a first predetermined number of data items of all data items to be transferred while the first device is occupying the bus, the first predetermined number of data items transferring without interruption based on a predetermined period of time during which the first device is allowed to continuously occupy the bus;
  - determining if the first predetermined number of data items have been transferred;
  - determining if the first device should release the bus based on whether or not there is a request from a second device after it is determined that the first predetermined number of data items have been transferred; and
  - releasing the bus by the first device when it is determined that the first device should release the bus.